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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREEN FROM UNGER

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, TH

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REF: STATE 050717

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL MORNING MAR 21 MESSAGE  
FROM THE PRESIDENT WAS IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED THROUGH MOM  
LUANG THAWISAN LADAWAN, PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HIS MAJESTY  
THE KING. LATER THAT DAY WE RECEIVED INDICATIONS OF  
APPRECIATION OF THE INVITATION BUT OF THE PROBABILITY THAT  
HIS MAJESTY WOULD FEEL OBLIGED TO DECLINE BECAUSE OF FACTORS  
SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH LED HIM TO DECLINE ON EARLIER  
OCCASION. ( BANGKOK 3380, 3/11/71.) AT SAME TIME WE WERE  
URGED TO PROVIDE AS MUCH BACKGROUND AS POSSIBLE, AS QUICKLY  
AS POSSIBLE, FOR HIS MAJESTY'S CONSIDERATION BEFORE HE  
REACHED HIS DECISION.

2. WITH THIS IN MIND I MADE TELEPHONIC REQUEST TO WHICH  
STATE 052761 WAS SENT BY YOU AS HELPFUL REPLY. I ALSO TOLD  
THAWISAN THAT I UNDERSTOOD HIS MAJESTY WAS PREPARING TO  
LEAVE FOR HUA HIN AND WAS UNDOUBTEDLY VERY BUSY AT THE  
MOMENT AND THAT HE SHOULD NOT FEEL PRESSED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE  
RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S INVITATION. IT WAS MY HOPE THAT  
INFORMATION RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO TELEPHONIC REQUEST MIGHT  
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BE HELPFUL IN ENCOURAGING KING TO ACCEPT.

3. HOWEVER TODAY BEFORE CONTENTS OF STATE 052761 COULD BE PASSED ALONG, THAWISAN CALLED ON ME TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT NIXON THEIR MAJESTIES' DEEP APPRECIATION AND THANKS FOR THE INVITATION BUT THEIR REGRET THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT. WHILE REFERENCE WAS MADE TO PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS WHICH INCLUDED TRAVELLING TO THE UNITED STATES THAWISAN SAID HIS MAJESTY WISHED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE CONTINUED TO FEEL THAT, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HE SHOULD OR COULD NOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND THEIR MAJESTIES FELT OBLIGED TO USE WHATEVER FREE TIME THEY MIGHT HAVE FOR VISITS ESPECIALLY TO THE POPULATIONS IN REMOTE AREAS OF THE KINGDOM. THAWISAN ALSO MENTIONED THAT THEIR MAJESTIES HAVE BEEN PRESSED FOR SOME TIME TO ACCEPT OTHER INVITATIONS FOR STATE VISITS WHICH THEY HAVE RESISTED AND IT WOULD PUT THEM IN AN INVIDIOUS POSITION WERE THEY TO GO TO THE US. A FULLER RECORD OF OUR CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IS CONTAINED IN MEMCONS BEING POUCHED.

4. COMMENT: I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HIS MAJESTY SINCERELY REGRETTED BEING OBLIGED TO DECLINE THE PRESIDENT' INVITATION ONCE MORE BUT I ALSO AM PERSUADED THAT THE REASONS ADVANCED ARE THE REAL ONES AND THAT THEIR MAJESTIES BOTH FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THEIR FIRST RESPONSIBILITY TO THE THAI PEOPLE IN A TIME OF TROUBLE. THAWISAN SAID HIS MAJESTY WISHED TO UNDERLINE TO ME HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE " FLUIDITY" OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, WHICH I UNDERSTOOD FROM THAWISAN REFERS TO MEAN POLITICAL FERMENT IN STUDENT AND INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES GOING ON BENEATH THE SURFACE WHICH HAS REACHED AN INTENSITY UNUSUAL FOR THAILAND.

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